

| <b>Notice of Allowability</b> | <b>Application No.</b>          | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |  |
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|                               | 10/613,474                      | PANDEY ET AL.       |  |
|                               | Examiner<br>Matthew L. Fedowitz | Art Unit<br>1623    |  |

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1.  This communication is responsive to 5/4/2005.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.
3.  The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner. No drawings
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All b)  Some\* c)  None of the:
    1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  
JAMES O. WILSON
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Examiner's Comments***

The applicant's arguments are found to be persuasive thereby traversing and obviating the 35 USC §112 second paragraph and 35 USC §103(a) rejections.

Claims 1-11 are allowable because the claimed subject matter is not taught or fairly suggested in the prior art. None of the prior art teaches methods for the preparation of methyl pheophorbide-a by treating a chlorin e6 trimethyl ester with a base and an aromatic solvent having a boiling point at least as high as 144 degrees Celsius, boiling point of 2, 6-lutidine. Nor does the prior art teach or fairly suggest a process for the preparation of purpurin-18 or purpurin-18 ester comprising treating chlorin e6 trimethyl ester with a base in an aromatic solvent in the presence of air.

The closest prior art is found in for the preparation of methyl pheophorbide-a is found in the reference combination of Brockman et al., Smith et al. and Rungta et al. However, the combination of these references do not teach or fairly suggest the use of a high boiling point solvent in the preparation. The closest prior art for the preparation of purpurin-18 and purpurin-18 ester is found in Mironov; however, the preparation of a non-methylated purpurin-18 is prepared with a solvent and an acid rather than a base as claimed by the applicant.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew L. Fedowitz whose telephone number is (571) 272-3105. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's primary,

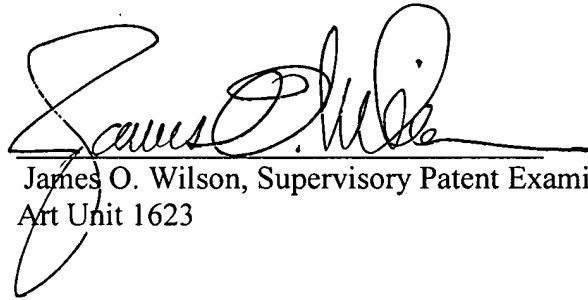
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James O. Wilson, can be reached on (571) 272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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